paid cards were being converted into the originating calls of Bharti Telenet Limited by such an arrangement and MTNL/BSNL were deprived of their legitimate revenues for the STD/ISD calls. The matter was reported to Police. One person was arrested and illegal operation stopped. No case in respect of any other private operator has come to the notice of the Government.

The Government takes suitable action including raids with the help of CBI/local police for stopping illegal routing of National and International traffic.

Limited mobility WLL phones

1953. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL proposes to launch the limited mobility Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) telephone in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the area to be covered;

(c) whether the hardware and other equipments are installed/ purchased for this purpose;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, it would start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) All the equipments have been received and installation work is in progress at all the stations.

(e) It is likely to start functioning by the end of 2nd quarter of year 2003-04.

Statement

Details of WLL equipment to be installed in Vidarbha region

SSA	SDCA	Capacity	Type
Nagpur	Nagpur City	5000 lines	Urban WLL
	Bhiwapur	750 lines	Rural WLL
	Kuhi	750 lines	
	Butibori	750 lines	
	Hingna	750 lines	
	Mauda	750 lines	
	Narkhed	750 lines	
	Umred	750 lines	
Akola	Akola	750 lines	
	Akot	750 lines	
	Mangrulpur	750 lines	
	Murtizapur	750 lines	
	Risod	750 lines	
	Washim	750 lines	
Amravati	Amravati	750 lines	
	Daryapur	750 lines	

SSA — Secondary Switching Area.

SDCA — Short Distance Charging Area.

WLL — Wireless in Local Loop.

Mobile Services in Ranchi

†1954. SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR: Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL and other companies have not been able to provide mobile services in the backward areas of Dakra (Ranchi) so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification for not launching mobile services;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.